

Village of Los Lunas



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Village Council Bans Open Burning, Some Fireworks Due To Drought Conditions

Severe drought conditions throughout much of central New Mexico has resulted in the Village Council voting unanimously to pass a proclamation banning open burning within the village limits including the open burning of cropland, fields, rangeland, debris, slash piles, leaves, tree limbs and ditches as well as having campfires or bon fires.

In addition, the sale and use within the municipal boundaries of missile-type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, and stick-type rockets is prohibited.

The sale and use within the municipality of ground audible devices including chasers and firecrackers has also been prohibited.

The following fireworks can only be used in areas that are paved or barren or have a readily accessible source of water: roman candles, mines, shells, cone fountains, crackling devices, cylindrical fountains, flitter sparklers, ground spinners, illuminating torches, toy smoking devices and wheels.

The use of all fireworks within areas that are covered wholly or in part by timber, brush or native grass is banned. Village officials consulted with state forestry officials before placing this in the proclamation.

Any non-profit organization wishing to sponsor a public display of fireworks in the village must obtain a permit in compliance with safety requirements set by the village police and fire department.

The Village Council passed the proclamation at its March 16 meeting. The restrictions and ban became effective immediately.

The proclamation is effective for thirty days from the day of adoption and the council may chose to pass a subsequent 30-day proclamation or proclamations if severe drought conditions continue in the middle Rio Grande Valley.

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ELECTION RESULTS

FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM

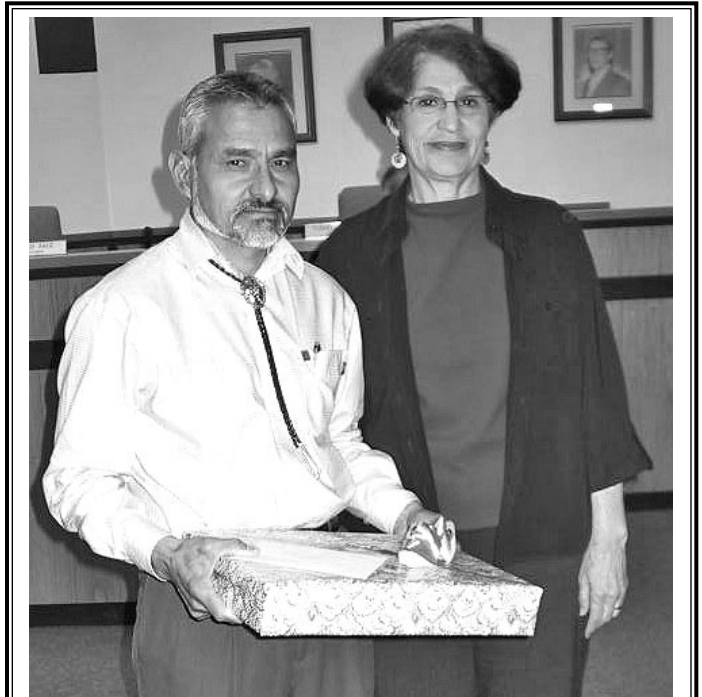
Louis F. Huning	921
Frank A. Otero	706

FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCILLOR FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM

District #2 - Charles Griego	425
District #4 - Robert E. Vialpando	230
District #4 - Victor P. Vigil	67

FOR THE OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM

Jeff P. Aragon	1049
Patrick M. Ortiz	360
Glen E. Walker	207



13 Years on P & Z

Ambrose Chavez accepts a token of appreciation from Village Councilor Cecilia CC Castillo at a council meeting. Chavez stepped down after serving 13 years on the Village Planning and Zoning Commission. See story on page 2

Ambrose Chavez Served 13 Years on P & Z

Ambrose Chavez was honored by the village council following his decision to retire from the Los Lunas Planning and Zoning Commission after serving 13 years and with 15 commissioners.

Appointed in February 1993, Chavez was a strong advocate for maintaining and preserving the rural life-style of the community.

During his tenure, which included several years as chairman, he worked on the Comprehensive Plan, the new Zoning Ordinance and the ordinances regulating the locations of cellular phone towers and sexually oriented businesses.

In addition, Chavez was part of the commission which reviewed and approved numerous development plans for commercial businesses in accordance with Main Street Overlay Zone.

Preliminary plats were reviewed and approved for

Baca Retires After More Than 20 Years

Twenty years is a long time to work anywhere, but Manuel Baca retired after 20 years working for the village at the wastewater treatment plant.

At a village council meeting Mayor Louis F. Huning complimented Baca on how clean he kept everything.

"Manuel Baca is one of the best employees we have ever seen," said Huning.



Manuel Baca

Attend A Council Meeting!

The Los Lunas Village Council meets twice a month in the council chambers in the Administrative Building on the corner of Don Pasqual and Main Street.

Meeting dates for 2006 are:

April 6 & 20

May 11 & 25 June 8 & 22

July 6 & 20 August 3 & 17

September 7 & 21 October 5 & 19

November 2 & 16 December 14 & 28

Meetings begin at 6 p.m. Once in a while meetings are rescheduled so check with village officials at 839-3840 to be sure a meeting has not been changed.

The agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled meeting from the bulletin board in the lobby of the Administrative Building, located at 660 Main Street NW, Los Lunas, NM; the Los Lunas Library located at 460 Main Street NE in Los Lunas, NM; and posted on the village website (address: www.loslunasnm.gov).

several subdivisions while Chavez was on the P & Z. These included La Entrada, Las Avenidas and Buena Vista, all located in Los Cerritos; Sundance, Wildflower and Jubilee in Huning Ranch; Sun Ranch and Las Brisas.



New Mayor Pro Tem

Village Councilor Girard Saiz was elected by the council to serve as Mayor Pro Tem of the Village Council at the March 16 meeting. He succeeds Councilor Robert Vialpando. Councilors rotate the job of Mayor Pro Tem on a yearly basis to give everyone an opportunity to perform this service. The Mayor Pro Tem fills in for the Mayor of Los Lunas when the mayor can't be at a meeting or attend events.

**VISIT THE
VILLAGE WEBSITE**
www.loslunasnm.gov

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Louis F. Huning **Mayor**
Councilors

Cecilia CC Castillo Charles Griego
Gerard Saiz Robert Vialpando

Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon

Village Administrator

Phillip Jaramillo Master Municipal Clerk
Chief of Police Nick Balido

VILLAGE OFFICIALS SWORN IN



Louis F. Huning

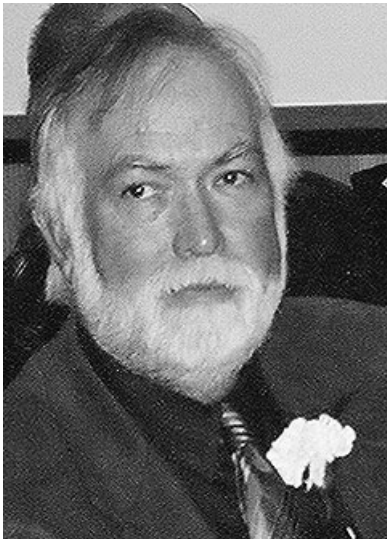
The week following the March 7 election (see election results on page 1) village officials who were re-elected were sworn in at ceremonies held at the village administrative building.

Sworn in were Mayor Louis F. Huning, Councilmen Charles Griego and Robert Vialpando and Municipal Judge Jeff Aragon.

At the March 16 village council meeting, village employees were rehired including village administrator Phillip Jaramillo.



Charles Griego



Robert Vialpando

**Village
Administrator

Phillip
Jaramillo**



Jeff Aragon

Cleanups Continue

Cleanups continue throughout the village every month. February's cleanup removed 55 bags of garbage in various areas through the work of people assigned to community service. In January inmates from the NM Correctional Center cleaned NM Highway 314 from Morris Road to Griego collecting 200 bags of trash totaling 4,000 pounds.

Even one person makes a difference as a Community Service worker cleaned up 15 large bags of trash in four hours in March.

Remember the Great American Cleanup Saturday, April 29. Sign up begins at 7 am at the Village Administrative Building, Main and Don Pasqual. Cleaning supplies provided and prizes will be given out.

Look at Xeriscape

With the state in drought conditions, consider xeriscape. Xeriscape can be defined as water-efficient landscaping appropriate to the natural environment.

The term xeriscape is derived from the Greek word xeros which means dry. The goal of xeriscape is to create a visually attractive landscape that uses plants selected for their water efficiency. Properly maintained, a xeriscape can easily use less than one-half the water of a traditional landscape.

In New Mexico, water-conserving landscaping is the natural choice.

More information about xeriscaping can be found at the Xeriscape Council of NM website — www.xeriscapenm.com.

Village Street Improvements Planned, Applied For

The Village is applying to participate in the 2006-2007 Municipal Arterial Program with the New Mexico Department of Transportation. If funding is awarded the first phase of improvements on Carson Drive will begin.

The Village is also applying to participate in the Department of Transportation 2006-2007 Coop pro-

gram. This project would make improvements to Rio Grande, Sichler Road, Mesa Loop, Fernandez Street, Roberts Circle and Amber Circle

Looking for Zoning Information!

Check out the Zoning Maps On the Village Website — www.loslunasnm.gov

COME JOIN THE VILLAGE'S GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP DAY



Saturday, April 29 7:00 AM - Noon
Call Marie or Josie for Details **839-3842**

Or Check the Village Website www.loslunasnm.gov

FAMILY FUN FEST

SATURDAY APRIL 29



**DANIEL FERNANDEZ PARK
& YOUTH BUILDING 9 AM - 3 PM
HIGHWAY 314 SOUTH LOS LUNAS**

**FOR INFORMATION CALL YVONNE AT CYFD, 865-4634,
OR KATHY AT LL PARKS & RECREATION, 352-3584**